Juvenile Court Services

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Funding Sources

- Juvenile Court involved youth receive services from several sources:
 - Private Insurance- Mental health and substance abuse services provided through medical insurance or self-paid.
 - Public Indigent Behavioral Healthcare- The Regional Behavioral Health Authority.
 - Juvenile Court Funds- Treatment dollars allotted for youth in the Juvenile Justice system.
 - o Community based grant funded programs.

Private Insurance

- Private medical insurance carriers usually provide some level of care for behavioral health and substance abuse needs.
- Coverage is often insufficient for the level of need for our youth.

Regional Behavioral Health Authorities

- AHCCCS/Medicaid funds-Title 19 indigent behavioral healthcare.
- Family must qualify and enroll in AHCCCS, then enroll in the RBHA
- The RBHA contracts with local behavioral health networks (Comprehensive Service Providers) to provide services
- Provide a wide range of services, from outpatient counseling, in-home services, to residential treatment

Juvenile Court Funds

- The Juvenile Courts are allotted a limited amount of treatment funds to address the needs of youth and families not covered by private insurance or the RBHA.
- Funds are divided into Family Counseling Bill, Diversion, Juvenile Treatment Services Fund, and JIPS.
- Services offered are contracted through the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Juvenile Court Services- Funding Sources

- Family Counseling Bill (FCB)
 - o 10 sessions; beginner, "low-needs" services
- Diversion Funds
 - special diversion programs
- Juvenile Treatment Services Fund (JTSF)
 - o probationers; requires Tuesday staffing
- JIPS Funds
 - o JIPS probationers; can't pay for placements

Community Based Services

- Educational Services
 - Substance Abuse Education
 - DV Education
 - General Delinquency Education
- Outpatient treatment: group, individual, family therapy
- Specialized treatment: Multisystemic Therapy (MST) or Functional Family Therapy (FFT), sex offender, trauma, substance abuse treatment

Levels of Care- Out of Home

- Shelter
- Independent living
- Level III behavioral group home
- Level II therapeutic group home
- Level I therapeutic secure care
 - o mental health or substance abuse
- High Impact (behavioral placement)

Level III

- Behavioral group home
- o Place for minor to sleep, eat, be
- Services provided are external to home
- Cases transferred to Placement Team if group home is outside Pima County

- Level II
 - Therapeutic group home
 - o Place for minor to sleep, eat, be...plus
 - Variety of therapeutic services provided
 - Sometimes specialized (e.g., substance abuse, sex offender)
 - Higher-trained staff

Level I

- Therapeutic secure care facility
 - x a.k.a. residential treatment center
- o 90 days 1 year for mental health facilities
- o 60 90 days for substance abuse facilities
- Requires Review Hearing every 60 days

High Impact

- Highly structured behavioral treatment
- o 120-day program
- o CPS and Juvenile Probation can use high impact
- o RBHA networks will not pay for high impact
 - reason: "it's not therapeutic treatment"
- Facilities such as Canyon State Academy and Sycamore Canyon Academy